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1. REFTTEL A REPORTED DEC 22 CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION BY
ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL AYALEW KANNO, BASED
ON RADIO BROADCAST OF COMPLETE CEREMONY MONITORED
BY EMBOFF. PRESIDENT SENGHOR STRESSED COMPLEMENTARITY OF
PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION "BEFORE INDEPENDENCE" AND
INVOLABILITY OF FRONTIERS. AT NO TIME IN CEREMONY DID
HE SUGGEST THAT SELF-DETERMINATION WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN
PRESERVING FRONTIERS. IF ANYTHING, SENGHOR'S REFERENCE TO
HIS HISTORIC OPPOSITION TO BALKANIZATION TILTED HIS REMARKS
IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION. HE WENT ON TO RECOMMEND SOME SORT
OF CONFEDERAL ARRANGEMENT IN HORN AS BEST ULTIMATE SOLUTION
SINCE ALL PEOPLES IN AREA (REFERRING TO SUDAN, SOMALIA, DJIBOUTE,
AND ETHIOPIA) WERE MEMBERS OF SAME ETHIOPIAN ETHNIC GROUP.
WE ARE THUS INCLINED TO CHALK UP SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY REPORT
CITED REF B AS WISHFUL THINKING.

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2. REFS E-H HAVE COMMENTED AT LENGTH ON SENEGALESE VIEW OF
CURRENT DISPUTES IN HORN. ALTHOUGH SENEGALESE ARE OPPOSED
TO EXTERANL INTERVENTION IN AFRICA AND HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT
MENGISTU REGIME, SENGHOR VIEWS SOMALI INVASION OF
OGADEN AS UNACCEPTABLE. AS LONG AS SENEGAL SITS ON OAU'S
ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA MEDIATION COMMITTEE, EMBASSY WOULD NOT

EXPECT SENGHOR TO REPUDIATE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY AS IT APPLIES TO ETHIOPIA. THIS STANCE
ESSENTIALLY DOVETAILS WITH SENGHOR'S OPPOSITION TO
ALGERIAN-SPONSORED INCURSIONS INTO MAURITANIA BY POLISARIO
MOVEMENT ALTHOUGH, IN SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE, SENGHOR
HAS DECLARED THAT HE WOULD SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION BY
HALF MILLION BLACKS LIVING IN MAURITANIA IF OULD DADDAH
REGIME IS OVERTHROWN BY ALGERIA (DAKAR 8447-NOTAL).
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